



**West Harrison Community School District**

**2023-2024 District Report**

# Financial Health

The district’s revenue for all funds in FY2024 totaled \$7,374,776. State and Federal Aid makes up 43% of this revenue, while property tax and income surtax revenue accounted for 38% of all revenue. The remaining 19% is a combination of multiple sources including fees, excise taxes, and gifts. Total district expenditures for FY 2024 were \$7,282,596.

General Fund expenditures totaled \$5,562,386 in Fiscal Year 2024. The following percentages show how these expenditures were categorized:

- 66% district instruction
- 10% maintenance
- 6% transportation
- 6% administration
- 4% other support services and technology
- 3% Green Hills AEA services
- 2% nursing
- 1% guidance
- 2% business services and school board

The chart below summarizes the three most recent years of financial health indicators for the West Harrison Community School District.

School Year	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Taxable Valuation	\$254,776,087	\$268,328,840	\$274,057,372
Unspent Balance	\$1,189,989	\$963,822	\$1,063,371
Fund Balance	\$1,184,199	\$818,916	\$843,484
Tax Rate	\$9.12	\$9.45	\$9.85
Solvency Ratio	18.0%	10.7%	12.6%

**Taxable Valuation** refers to the total assessed value of property within the school district.

**Unspent Balance** refers to the ability to spend. This number is generated from state formulas as well as miscellaneous income after paying bills for a fiscal year. It is not directly tied to cash. An analogy of unspent balance would be a credit card limit available after paying bills.

**Fund Balance** is a term used to define the cash the district has available. This cash is used to support the unspent balance. An analogy for this would be the cash in your savings to pay bills on time or for an unexpected emergency.

**Tax Rate** shows the amount per thousand dollars of taxable property valuation that would be paid in school taxes.

**Solvency Ratio** shows the relationship between a year’s revenues and fund balance for a given year.

# **Facilities and Equipment**

## **Financing Facilities and Equipment**

The financing of district facility and equipment upgrades as well as repairs currently comes through three sources, SAVE, PPEL, and Bonded Debt. SAVE funds are generated at the state level through a one-cent sales tax. These receipts are distributed to schools on a per-student basis. PPEL is generated through two local levies, one approved by the board in five-year increments and one approved by district voters in ten-year increments. The voter-approved PPEL levy was recently approved at a .67 cent rate per thousand in March of 2022. The third revenue source is general obligation bonding which is voter-approved and funded through property taxes to pay off bonded debt. West Harrison does not currently have any general obligation debt.

## **Current Debt**

West Harrison Community School District currently is paying debt incurred in 2010 that was incurred to install a new roof as well as update technology and furniture. This debt is in the form of QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) and bond payment is from SAVE fund receipts. These bonds will be completely repaid at the end of FY 2025.

## **Facility and Equipment Information**

The transportation fleet includes seven buses, (six of which are leased on three-year contracts). The fleet also includes two twelve-passenger vans vehicles for transporting teams and larger groups, four vehicles for transporting smaller groups, and a truck for plowing snow. Lease payments and vehicle purchases are paid for through PPEL funds or SAVE funds.

The school itself was constructed in 1994 and encompasses 117,315 square feet. Much of the infrastructure within the buildings including, boilers, heating and cooling units, entry doors, etc. are original to the facility. The board has worked to develop a long-term plan to address these issues utilizing SAVE and PPEL dollars over the next ten years to ensure the district facilities remain in good condition into the future.

During the summer the district worked with Thrasher Foundations to address a foundational issue along the north side of the high school, which completes the majority of foundation concerns identified in 2022. The district also completed the first phase of a ten-year plan to update heating and cooling systems throughout the building.

The Jimmy King Foundation also funded several other projects at the school including athletic improvements for track, wrestling, and football; calculators and CPR equipment; two pieces of playground equipment; and additional storage at the bus barn.

# Academic Growth

## Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rates for West Harrison CSD

The four-year cohort graduation rate is calculated for the class of 2023 by dividing the number of students in the cohort who graduate with a regular high school diploma (numerator) in four years or less by the number of first-time 9th graders enrolled in the fall of 2018 minus the number of students who transferred out plus the total number of students who transferred in (denominator).

	West Harrison	State of Iowa
2023	100%	87.5%
2022	95.7%	87.4%
2021	90.6%	87.8%

## 2023-2024 ISAP Data

### ELA

	District Not Proficient		State Not Proficient		District Proficient		State Proficient		District Advanced		State Advanced		District Proficient or Advanced		State Proficient or Advanced
3	54		36		42		55		4		9		46		64
4	27		27		73		61		0		11		73		72
5	38		31		58		59		4		10		62		69
6	0		26		100		64		0		11		100		75
7	6		23		81		64		13		13		94		77
8	33		23		67		68		0		9		67		77
9	15		26		80		63		5		10		85		73
10	10		27		86		59		5		14		91		73
11	10		30		80		58		10		12		90		70

### Math

	District Not Proficient		State Not Proficient		District Proficient		State Proficient		District Advanced		State Advanced		District Proficient or Advanced		State Proficient or Advanced
3	31		24		58		57		12		19		70		76
4	36		28		55		55		9		17		64		72
5	38		29		63		56		0		15		63		71
6	0		29		69		55		31		16		100		71
7	13		30		63		58		25		11		88		69
8	40		27		60		60		0		13		60		73
9	40		38		55		50		5		13		60		63
10	29		35		71		55		0		10		71		65
11	25		34		75		51		0		14		75		65

### Science

	District Not Proficient		State Not Proficient		District Proficient		State Proficient		District Advanced		State Advanced		District Proficient or Advanced		State Proficient or Advanced
5	58		40		42		57		0		2		42		59
8	40		35		60		58		0		7		60		65



2023-2024 FAST Math Data

	#1 K-6 Screened	#3 K-6 at Benchmark	#4 K-6 Maintained	#6 K-6 Growth
	Percentage of students who are being screened for literacy skills.	Percentage of students who are at benchmark.	Percentage of students who started at or above benchmark & ended at or above benchmark.	Percentage of students who started below benchmark in the fall and ended at or above benchmark in the spring.
	Spring	Spring	Fall to Spring	Fall to Spring
KDG	100	81	94	40
1	100	95	100	-
2	100	71	100	33
3	100	69	89	14
4	96	59	100	20
5	100	63	93	22
6	100	62	75	40
District	99	72	96	20
Goal	95	80	95	65
Comparative Averages:				
Northwest AEA	84	64	88	19
Iowa Dept. of Ed	79	66	89	19

2023-2024 FAST Literacy Data

	<b>#1 K-6 Screened</b>	<b>#3 K-6 at Benchmark</b>	<b>#4 K-6 Maintained</b>	<b>#6 K-6 Growth</b>
	<i>Percentage of students who are being screened for literacy skills.</i>	<i>Percentage of students who are at benchmark.</i>	<i>Percentage of students who started at or above benchmark &amp; ended at or above benchmark.</i>	<i>Percentage of students who started below benchmark in the fall and ended at or above benchmark in the spring.</i>
	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall to Spring</b>	<b>Fall to Spring</b>
<b>KDG</b>	100	86	88	75
<b>1</b>	100	81	88	33
<b>2</b>	100	57	100 <i>(Winter to Spring)</i>	25 <i>(Winter to Spring)</i>
<b>3</b>	100	73	100	36
<b>4</b>	96	64	93	0
<b>5</b>	100	50	83	10
<b>6</b>	100	85	91	
<b>District</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Goal</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Comparative Averages:</b>				
<b>Northwest AEA</b>	91	64	88	26
<b>Iowa Dept. of Ed</b>	93	64	89	23

### Students Receiving Special Education Services

The chart below displays the percentage of students who are served with an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) within the West Harrison School District.

Percentage of PreK-12 Students Receiving IEP Services		
All Students	Male	Female
21.6%	26%	15.1%

### ACT Test Data:

Year	English			Math			Reading			Science			Composite		
	WH Avg.	State Avg.	Nat'l Avg	WH Avg.	State Avg.	Nat'l Avg	WH Avg.	State Avg.	Nat'l Avg	WH Avg	State Avg.	Nat'l Avg	WH Avg	State Avg.	Nat'l Avg
23-24	17.6	20.4	18.5	16.7	20.6	19.0	18.7	22.3	20.1	19.1	21.6	19.6	18.1	20.8	19.5

### Post-Secondary Plans for West Harrison 2024 Graduates

- 20% plan to enter a (4-year) college or university.
- 35% plan to enter a community college or certification program
- 15% plan to enter the military.
- 30% plan to enter the workforce.

### Iowa School Performance Profile

The Iowa School Performance Profiles are an online tool showing how public schools performed on required measures. The website was developed to meet both federal and state requirements for publishing online school report cards. The results below are from the 2022-23 school year, which was the most recent available at the time this report was created. More information on the performance profile can be found on the website below.

<https://www.iaschoolperformance.gov/ECP/Home/Index>

West Harrison Elementary - High Performing 61.43

West Harrison Middle School/High School - High Performing 62.44

State of Iowa Average - 54.81



## Student Attendance

The chart below shows attendance rates for the last three years. The data is broken down into grade spans and gender. We do not have large enough subgroups to break the data into race, ethnicity, etc.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
<b>Elementary Attendance Rate</b>			
Male	95.87%	95.77%	96.82%
Female	95.83%	95.25%	95.58%
Total	95.85%	95.72%	96.23%
<b>Middle School/High School Attendance Rate</b>			
Male	95.73%	96.48%	96.88%
Female	94.65%	95.72%	95.99%
Total	95.28%	95.84%	96.50%

## Enrollment Health

The chart below displays information related to enrollment health at West Harrison. There are four different metrics that are considered related to enrollment health. The data in the charts reflect October 1st of each year which is the date specified by the Department of Education for official student enrollment. Overall all enrollment has been trending in a positive direction over the last four years. The area of largest concern is in open enrollment which is somewhat impacted by the geography of our district being fairly long and narrow.

- Certified Enrollment - This is the number of resident students in the district and includes students who attend West Harrison, students who open enroll, and home school students who attend part-time. Certified enrollment is the main driver of school budgets.
- Served Enrollment - This is the number of students, residents and open enrolled in, who physically attend school at West Harrison.
- Open Enrolled Out - This is the number of students who are residents of West Harrison but choose to attend another school.
- Open Enrolled In - This is the number of students who attend West Harrison from another district.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Certified Enrollment	339.7	350.6	356.3	350.7
Served Enrollment	277	294	291	278
Open Enrollment Out	83.6	79.6	87.3	95.9
Open Enrolled In	22	23	22	23

## Career and Technical Enrollment (CTE)

The chart below shows enrollment data for the CTE courses offered at West Harrison. In addition, students also attend the Buss Center to learn trade skills and participate in supervised work experience throughout our community and surrounding areas.

Business		Family and Consumer Science		Construction Trades		Agriculture	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
31	17	20	27	24	4	22	13

### Did You Know

Here are some interesting facts about our district.

71.2% of our 7-12 students participated in at least one extracurricular activity.

Last year our buses and vehicles traveled 151,376 miles transporting our students to school, on field trips, and to activities.

Our school district covers 235 square miles.

Our buses and vehicles traveled 700 miles each day transporting our students to school last year.

293 of our students utilize bus transportation.

Our school district maintains 450 networked devices for use by students and staff.

Last year we served 34,415 breakfasts and 39,650 lunches to students.

Last year fuel costs for student transportation were \$33,197.

Electrical, heating, and cooling costs were \$132,214 for school year 23-24.

In 2023-24 our students earned 105 college credits while in high school.